

FOGGY BOTTOM



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THE CASE FOR COLUMBIA PLAZA

By Hunter and Shirley Kennard

Editor's Note: Columbia Plaza is the proposed urban renewal project for the area bounded by 23rd Street, Virginia Avenue, and the Inner Loop as planned. We described the project in December, 1959, shortly after its release by the National Capital Planning Commission. The studies, which were prepared by Kennard & Kennard, Architects, received favorable comment in both the Post and the Star. The article that follows, written especially for us by the Kennards, defends such a program as being in the best short- and long-term public interest. The Kennards' personal interest in Foggy Bottom stems from the early 1950's when they remodeled their first home, at 2423 I Street. Mrs. Kennard is art editor of the Foggy Bottom News.

From many previous articles in the Foggy Bottom News, most of you have a general picture of life in the area in the early days of the "restoration." You perhaps know about the more interesting and colorful aspects, but you may not be aware of the real problems that faced Foggy Bottom pioneers. As the area was scarcely more than a slum, with only a few scattered homes rehabilitated, mortgage bankers would not lend money for rejuvenating additional houses. As the section was an unsure investment, early developers and buyers were frequently forced into high-interest-rate second and third trusts. Many people interested in the area were stopped by lack of comfortable or adequate financing.

Another retarding influence was the fact that George Washington University had a master development plan that showed the extension of the campus westward to the river; the university was rapidly acquiring land just east of 24th Street.

Also, many absentee owners of slum dwellings in the area were allowing their properties to degenerate completely while holding out for huge profits. Under duress of condemnation proceedings an old building would be torn down and the owner would file application for a permit to open a commercial parking lot. These old residences, a considerable number of which could have been salvaged, were never made available for individual purchase, but only as a package and at extremely high cost. With slum rental or

parked cars paying the taxes, the owners had only to wait for the rise of neighboring property values to realize high profits.

The prime example of this speculative technique is the Murray property, the piece of land that runs through the center of the triangular block bounded by I Street, New Hampshire Avenue and 25th Street, fronting east on New Hampshire and west on 25th. The Board of Zoning Adjustment recently ruled that this property be zoned for an 8-story apartment house, over the protest of the Association. A few of you may remember the dozen or so incredibly bad frame houses and privies that stood for years on this property until they were ordered removed for lack of sanitation and structural soundness.

With these problems plaguing the area pioneers, they became aware of difficulties that would inevitably develop as Foggy Bottom became more fashionable. Under the then existing zoning, unlike Georgetown, buildings could be 90 feet in height, or eight stories. If the area were planned as an entity, high-rise apartments and row houses could have created a congenial neighborhood. However, with hodgepodge property holdings becoming available, high-rise buildings would eventually be erected with little regard for the small row houses, cutting out view, light, and ventilation. In addition, the tremendous influx of automobiles this would bring into a once almost entirely pedestrian neighborhood, if not adequately planned for, would become impossible to handle. In its early days, Foggy Bottom had no real recreation or park areas, and the vacant lots that enhanced the vistas of many homes were marked for high-rise development.

In late 1954, the Association, after an intensive debate on the issues, decided to request that the area be designated for Urban Renewal assistance. Under Urban Renewal, FHA--insured funds would have become available for rehabilitation work.

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Also, with the approaching highway interchanges and connections to the new bridge, it was felt that an Urban Renewal area would receive more careful consideration from the Department of Highways than a private development would. Through the assistance of good planning, Foggy Bottom could have developed in a more orderly fashion, with provisions for park land, adequate parking areas, and the thoughtful interspersing of high-and low-rise units for the maximum good of each type of dwelling unit.

The Planning Commission received money in 1955 to carry out the project. Immediately they were sued by a group of land speculators with the aim of delaying this process. This suit caused the District Commissioners to ask for a sample survey of the area. Thus, more time was lost. The Planning Commission won the suit, but because of a language loophole a new legal proceeding was inaugurated to alter the wording of the law, eventually accomplished in 1958.

Meanwhile the delaying tactics had served their purpose. Foggy Bottom could no longer be considered a "blighted" area for purposes of Urban Renewal, and the chance for a planned community was irretrievably lost. It continued to develop in a random way, and you all are now aware of the problems which have resulted. Snow's Court, Hughes Court, and soon the 2400 block of Eye Street will be in deep shadow, parking spaces already are virtually impossible to find; and with the advent of the new roadways the only neighborhood park land--that by the river--will be cut off from pedestrian access.

The one tangible result of the Urban Renewal attempt was the blocking of the westward expansion of George Washington University and the revision of its master plan.

The proposed Columbia Plaza Development would be located on a site now made up of scattered commercial parking lots accommodating a total of 980 cars; 186 dwelling units, including no more than a dozen that have had their faces lifted; 5 apartment buildings totaling 125 units; 2 small grocery stores; a service station; a boat shop; 2 warehouses; a vacant commercial building; and an old school now housing the Washington Society for the Blind. The area, as you can see, is shadowed by blight.

The future for the doughnut of land surrounding the site is already established in a rather grand manner. Soon the State Department's new \$50 million home will be completed. Traveling the circuit, we find, to the west, the site of the proposed National Cultural Center, and to the north, the People's Life Insurance building and Potomac Plaza. Across Virginia Avenue will be the GW field house, seating many thousands of spectators, and on 23rd Street, to the east, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau headquarters will rise. This whole elaborate package will be wrapped in ribbons of concrete as the proposed inner loop is constructed.

It is easy to see that the center of this great doughnut will in a short time be suffering from an aggravated case of the same problems that the developed sections of Foggy Bottom now have if some steps are not taken to chart the future. All of the projects mentioned will leave the site an island surrounded and isolated by heavy, high-speed traffic. It thus is ideal for a future self-contained pedestrian neighborhood. With its sweeping view of Georgetown, the Potomac River, and the Mall, its proximity to the proposed Cultural Center, the State Department, and the central business district, it is ideal for luxurious urban living. Such use corresponds with the recently adapted master Zoning plan for Washington.

The private property on the site is now held by approximately 40 different land-owners. One firm, which now owns roughly a seventh of the total area in scattered holdings, has been accumulating property here for 11 years. At this time 4 of the total 6 acres are in open parking lots. Much of the site is in public streets not included in the above mentioned 6 acres which, with the new inner loop highway, will become dead ends at the top of a high bluff, and serve no real purpose. Since there are several holdout owners who refuse to sell to the large land assemblers, the area shows every sign of developing in a truly hit-or-miss fashion unless the Columbia Plaza program takes over.

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MONTHLY MEETING DATES

The regular monthly meetings of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association during 1960 will be held on the following dates, Pillsbury House, Saint Paul's Church, 2430 K, 8:15 p. m. -- March 21, April 25, May 16 (election of officers), and June 20.

Columbia Plaza and Urban Renewal

Hunter and Shirley Kernard will give us a program on the proposed Columbia Plaza project next Monday, March 21. They will discuss the merits of the development and show a film on Urban Renewal, "City in the Shadow," borrowed from the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Background music for the film is provided by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Herb Socks Will Return

Our former president, Herbert Socks, returned from India last week and President Jim Justice promptly signed up the world traveler for an evening program. He will give us his impressions of India and other countries visited, supplementing his letters, which have appeared from time to time in the Foggy Bottom News. Herb's appearance is scheduled for our regular monthly meeting on April 25.

May Musicales

The chamber music group that meets at Charlotte Eisler's, 939-B 25th Street, will do a program of Baroque music at our May meeting, Monday May 16. The group has not yet selected the numbers it will play but we're told there'll be some Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and Mozart. Performers, besides Charlotte on keyboard, will include Joe Hanlon, oboe; Barney Mason, violin; Dorothy Terry, viola, and Joel Wheeler, recorder.

Members of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association

All addresses are Northwest and all zones 7 except as indicated. Numbers following names correspond with numbers on plat locating residence of members (see page 9)

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| Abend's Florist (1)..... | 2500 Pennsylvania | DU 7-4747 |
| Applegate, Russell | 1652 29th | DU 7-5777 |
| Barrier, Raymond (2) | 955 26th | FE 7-9071 |
| Beaulieu, Natalie (3) | 830 25th | FE 3-3865 |
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| Bryan, Margaret A. (13) | 1 Snow's Court..... | FE 3-3754 |
| Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. | 2700 Chain Bridge Road .. | WO 6-2167 |
| Caemmerer, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. (14) | 2404 Eye | FE 3-3527 |
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| Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (16). | 922 25th | FE 3-3518 |
| Cascioni, Dorothy F. (17) | 906 25th | FE 3-1463 |
| Casper, Carolyn B. (18) | 6 Snow's Court | FE 3-4467 |
| Coller, Harry D. (20) (Coller's Liquor) | 2419 Pennsylvania | FE 3-2309 |
| Cooper, Emily D. (21) | 2521 K | FE 3-1858 |
| Crawley, Joan (19) | 940 25th, Apt. 114 | FE 3-1393 |
| Crockett, Susanne (22) | 908 New Hampshire | FE 3-7234 |
| Davila, Mrs. Carlos (23) | 2418 Eye | FE 3-7312 |
| Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel (24) . | 2413 Eye | FE 3-7095 |
| Davis, Robert D. (25) | 2420 Eye | |
| Denman, Ida B. (26) | 8 Snow's Court | FE 3-5514 |
| Dulles, Mrs. Eleanor L. | Spring Hill Rd., McLean, Va. | JE 2-1602 |
| Dutch, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (27) ... | 2407 Eye | FE 3-6574 |

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Golden, Harry (35) (Gold's Liquor) .. 2501 Pennsylvania AD 2-7934
Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (36) 915 Hughes Court FE 7-1936
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Gruger, Harriet (43) 2530 Eye FE 3-2823
Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (44) 2631 Eye FE 3-2605

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Harrington, Sam M. Jr. (48) 904 25th FE 3-3782
Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Forest K., II (49) 800 New Hampshire FE 3-5240
Harrison, Betty (50) 914 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25th FE 3-6425
Harter, Elizabeth (51) 2409 Eye FE 3-1053
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Howerton, John B. (55) 2524 Eye FE 3-9344

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Johnson, Priscilla H. (57) 2628 K FE 3-7591
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Kellison, J. Bruce (60) 18 Snow's Court FE 3-6371
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Knost, Keith H. (61)..... 940 25th, Apt. 705 FE 7-2468
 Kohr, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (62) 22 Snow's Court FE 3-4624
 Kuhn, F. A. (Riddell Realty Co.) 1718 Eye DI 7-7900

Lang, William E. (63) 2619 Green's Court..... FE 3-3143
 Lauriat, Patience (64) 2502 Eye FE 3-1526
 Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. David F. (65) 2614 K FE 3-6071
 Lisle, Rufus (66) 2525 Eye FE 3-3090
 Lovoca, Mrs. Phillis (67)..... 900 New Hampshire..... FE 7-5555

McGrath, Mrs. Helen (68)..... 2629 Eye FE 3-6836
 McIlvain, Mr. and Mrs. J. (69) ... 2405 Eye FE 3-6087
 McKee, Rose (70) 2 Snow's Court..... FE 3-6093
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 McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph(72)910 25th FE 3-3808
 McMahan, Frank J. (73) 915 27th FE 3-2491
 MacKinnon, George R. (74) 2503 Eye FE 3-2134
 Mahoney, Miss Aileen (75) 936 23rd FE 3-4468
 Mahoney, Mrs. Anna C. (76) 936 23rd FE 3-4468
 Mathews, Dr. Thomas A. (77) 2531 Eye FE 3-4975
 May, Betty (78)..... 4 Snow's Court..... FE 3-5531
 Mayo, Charles (79) 915 27th FE 3-2491
 Mellonas, Peter (80) . (Mellonas Restaurant) 2514 Pennsylvania FE 3-2420
 Meyers, Joan E. (81)..... 804 New Hampshire FE 7-1353
 Miller, Arthur E. W. (82) 900 New Hampshire FE 7-5555
 Miller, Betty Lou (83) 2425 Eye FE 3-7381
 Miller, Mrs. June E. (84) 2509 Eye FE 3-7972
 Millett, John J. (85)..... 828 25th FE 7-1857
 Millett, Mrs. Rosetta (86) 828 25th FE 7-1857
 Minich, Rev. and Mrs. Henry N. F. (87) 3 Snow's Court FE 3-5875
 Mohler, Marvin F. (88)..... 923 Hughes Court FE 3-3424
 Morin, Wilfred (89) 2416 Eye FE 3-1071
 Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (90) 825 New Hampshire, Apt.513 FE 3-6122
 Moynihan, Mrs. Mary N. (91)..... 7 Snow's Court FE 3-5039
 Murphy, Col. Edward J. (92)..... 920 25th FE 3-6937

Nilles, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. (93) 2422 Eye FE 3-4228
 Norris, Charles 723 20th RE 7-6585

Oberg, Darrell (93)..... 919 Hughes Court FE 7-3951
 Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Pat J. Jr. (94) 2536 Eye FE 3-2536

Palmer, George Bruce (95) 13 Snow's Court..... FE 7-3531
 Parlato, Mrs. Theda Knight (96) ... 2307 Virginia DI 7-0417
 Paul, William (97) (D & W Market) .. 1001 26th FE 3-5000
 Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl (98)..... 2523 Eye FE 3-6936
 Pulver, Mr. and Mrs. Jean (99) 2424 Eye FE 3-5310

HARDING

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HAIR STYLING

PERMANENT WAVING

ABEND'S FLORISTS

DU 7-4747

2509 PENN AVE.

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| Raymond, Charles E. (100) | 925 -25th (Box 66, Wash. 7.) | FE 3-5764 |
| Rabat, Mr. and Mrs. Sam (101) | 2616 Eye | FE 3-5278 |
| Radin, Rhea (102) | 902 New Hampshire | FE 3-7065 |
| Rainville, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. (103) | 2508 Eye | FE 3-2755 |
| Rayl, Leonard L. (104) | 2524 Eye..... | FE 3-9344 |
| Rechel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. (105) | 904 New Hampshire | FE 3-3236 |
| Reese, Sara (106) | 921 Hughes Court | FE 3-2806 |
| Reeves, Mrs. Leoler (107) | 910 New Hampshire | FE 3-7663 |
| Richards, Rev. James (108) | 2430 K | FE 3-4449 |
| Richards, W. E. (109) | 2435 Eye | FE 7-4788 |
| Rinehart, Charles W. (110) (Sunoco Service) | 27th & Virginia | FE 3-9829 |
| Robitscher, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. | 29 College Ave. Swarthmore, Penna. | |
| Rogers, Charles E. (111) | 917 Hughes Court | FE 3-3157 |
| Rustin, Dan (112) | 919 Hughes Court | FE 7-3951 |
| Rosenblatt, Henry (113) | 1000 25th | FE 3-5353 |
| Rowberg, Byrnhild (114) | 945 B 25 th | FE 3-4372 |
| Rudd, Velva E. (115) | 911 Hughes Court | FE 3-3557 |

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| Schalizki, Henry J. (116) | 2420 Eye | |
| Schauer, Herbert M. (117) | 2402 Eye | FE 7-3649 |
| Sellman, Mr. and Mrs. Millard (118) | 2421 Eye..... | FE 3-2456 |
| Seward, Jerry (119) | 914 25th | FE 3-5417 |
| Sherman, Roger (120) | 2509 Eye..... | FE 3-7972 |
| Simmons, Ellen H. (121) | 16 Snow's Court..... | FE 3-5119 |
| Socks, Herbert (122) | 2503 Eye | FE 3-2134 |
| Smith, H. M. (123) | 2427 Eye | FE 3-4146 |
| Spangenburg, Doris Hope (124) | 924 25th, Apt. 515..... | FE 7-1062 |
| Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Ross S. (125) | 2614 Eye | FE 3-1907 |
| Stokes, Mrs. Katherine (126) | 2527 Eye | FE 3-3617 |
| Streiter, William L. (127) | 2623 Green's Court..... | FE 7-1298 |
| Sullivan, Richard (128) | 909 25th | FE 3-6294 |
| Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. (129) | 2619 Eye..... | FE 3-2852 |
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| Sweeney, Margaret H. (131) | 2520 K | FE 3-6447 |

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| Taggart, Virginia M. (132) | 2475 Virginia, Apt. 719 .. | FE 3-4056 |
| Thompson, Josephine (133) | 2622 Eye | FE 3-1850 |
| Thornton, Genevieve D. (134) | 2509 Eye..... | FE 7-5825 |
| Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. Delmege (135) | 1019 26th | |

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| Vaniman, Paul (136) | 2525 Eye | FE 3-3090 |
| Van Wagenen, Mr. and Mrs. Duryee (137) | 2423 Eye | FE 3-6998 |

WATER GATE INN

ON THE POTOMAC AT F

HOSPITALITY AND GOOD FOOD

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| Wahl, Dolores R. (138) | 818 26th | FE 3-9288 |
| Warlick, Robert P. (139) | 1121 24th | FE 3-5887 |
| Watergate Inn | On the Potomac at F. | DI 7-9256 |
| Watkins, C. Malcolm (140) | 15 Snow's Court | FE 3-7864 |
| Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher (141) | 2633 Eye | RA 6-8796 |
| Wellborn, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (142) | 2410 Eye | FE 3-3770 |
| Wharton, Elizabeth (143) | 5 Snow's Court | FE 3-4328 |
| Wiskup, Mr. and Mrs. Alex (144) | 822 25th | FE 3-7859 |
| Wrenn, Frank M. (145) | 2427 Eye | FE 3-4146 |

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| Yelton, Elmer E. (146) | 833 26th | FE 3-5970 |
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| Zekas, Edward J. (147) | 2433 H | FE 3-1396 |
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If the existing streets could be closed and the entire section accumulated into a single package, this beautiful bluff could become an elegant and productive part of the Capital City. Enough parking space could be provided to alleviate greatly the congestion of the surrounding areas. This is already a burden, and with the completion of the new GW field house and the Cultural Center the need for parking will be even greater. If the area develops at random, 950 parking spaces now in use will be removed and the few token spaces * required under present zoning will be provided instead. The area will need many times that number to serve its own new facilities.

This location is indeed a prime one and it will certainly be densely developed. The question now is: Which way will it go? Shall it become a random assemblage of high buildings with urban problems built in, or a coordinated community that would give part of the city back to the pedestrian, and alleviate one of the city's major problems?

In order to create a better urban environment, fairly sizeable areas must be tackled at one time, but the interests of individual owners make assemblage of such large sites difficult. The Urban Renewal program was developed to solve this very serious problem. Under Urban Renewal a tract of land is assembled by the Government after approval of a preliminary master plan.

* In the special purpose (SP) areas: One space for each four dwelling units. In the R-5-C areas: One space for three dwelling units in an apartment house.

The tract then is auctioned to private developers who, under federally insured financing, carry the project to completion.

Because of the comparatively small size of the Columbia Plaza site, the fact that the majority of the land is unoccupied, and the imminent disruption of its present situation by highway condemnation, the National Capital Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Land Agency agreed that this was the ideal spot for a planned community. As there are several developers now holding land in the area, it has been hoped that they will form a corporation to handle the project and thus reap the benefits of Government land assembly. The project, if given support by the residents of the District of Columbia, could thus quickly get under way to the benefit of the city and the enhancement of its skyline.

Though the preliminary plan for the Plaza as released in November and described in the Foggy Bottom News for December, may not be the ultimate solution for developing the site to the best advantage, we urge the citizens of Foggy Bottom to support the project and help Washington achieve one truly planned and coordinated urban neighborhood.

"WASHINGTON'S TOMORROW" ON DISPLAY

According to our neighbor Rufus Lisle, Sales Manager of the National Housing Center, 1625 L Street, N. W., Foggy Bottomers will have an opportunity to see some of Washington's future land marks in three-dimensional models. An exhibit entitled "Washington's Tomorrow" will open at the Housing Center March 26, to remain on display until April 15. Architects' scale models and renderings will bring together in one place a miniature display of most of the major public and private building soon to become Washington landmarks. Included in the exhibit will be three-dimensional models of the National Cultural Center in Foggy Bottom; the new Arena Stage; and the new Stadium; the National Arboretum and major buildings designed for Southwest Washington; and the Holy Cross Hospital in near-by Silver Spring. Admission is free. The building is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m.

LAMENT FOR A FLOWN BIRD

Editor's Note: A friend of ours once owned a beautiful parakeet named Timmie, a talented bird of wide vocabulary. Timmie would streak about the house at will, pausing occasionally to light on a random head or shoulder, and utter articulate bits of bird wisdom. But one winter day not long ago, when the snow was deep and the temperature low, the bird discovered a briefly-opened door and disappeared into the frigid whiteness. The owner never saw Timmie again. Later, she wrote these poetic lines to describe her loss.

Through the open door,
A streak of blue above the snow he flew.
Following with heavy, human feet through drifts of white,
I saw and felt the shocked, wild terror of his flight.
He rose into the gray of falling flakes and disappeared.
And I was left with face upturned
And wet with tears and snow,
Searching skyward as if to know
The why of things,
Remembering other days and hopes that fled
As this small bird escaped my hand,
And fled into the snow. -- M. A. J.

CONTRIBUTORS TO MURRAY FUND

Listed below are the names of persons who have paid their contribution to the Murray zoning fund. Last year the Association voted to assess each member \$20 for the fund. The 37 who paid the assessment, excepting one who desired to remain anonymous, follow:

Natalie Beaulieu, 830 25th; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Caemmerer, 2404 Eye; Carolyn B. Casper, 6 Snow's Court; Richard J. Cornish, 824 25th; Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Davis, 2413 Eye; Ida B. Denman, 8 Snow's Court; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dutch, 2407 Eye; T. H. Elfin, 2402 Eye; Elinor Goodspeed, 14 Snow's Court; Elizabeth Harter, 2409 Eye; Morella Hansen, 2415 Eye; Robert R. Keith, 2515 K; Frances B. Ingle, 2412 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. James O. Justice, 2403 Eye; Betty May, 4 Snow's Court; Betty Lou Miller, 2425 Eye; Eleanor Mitchell, 2419 Eye; Marvin F. Mohler, 923 Hughes Court; Wilfred Morin, 2416 Eye; Colonel Edward J. Murphy, 920 25th; Rose McKee, 2 Snow's Court; Mary A. McGrade, 838 New Hampshire; George R. MacKinnon, and Herbert Socks, 2503 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Nilles, 2422 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Jean Pulver, 2424 Eye; Rhea Radin, 902 New Hampshire; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rainville, 2508 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Rechel, 904 New Hampshire; Charley Rogers, 917 Hughes Court; Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Robitscher, Swarthmore, Pa.; Henry Schalizki and Robert D. Davis, 2420 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Sumption, 2417 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Duryee Van Wagenen, 2423 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wellborn, 2410 Eye; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wiskup,

822 25th; Frank M. Wrenn, 2427 Eye; Anonymous.

Our February Meeting

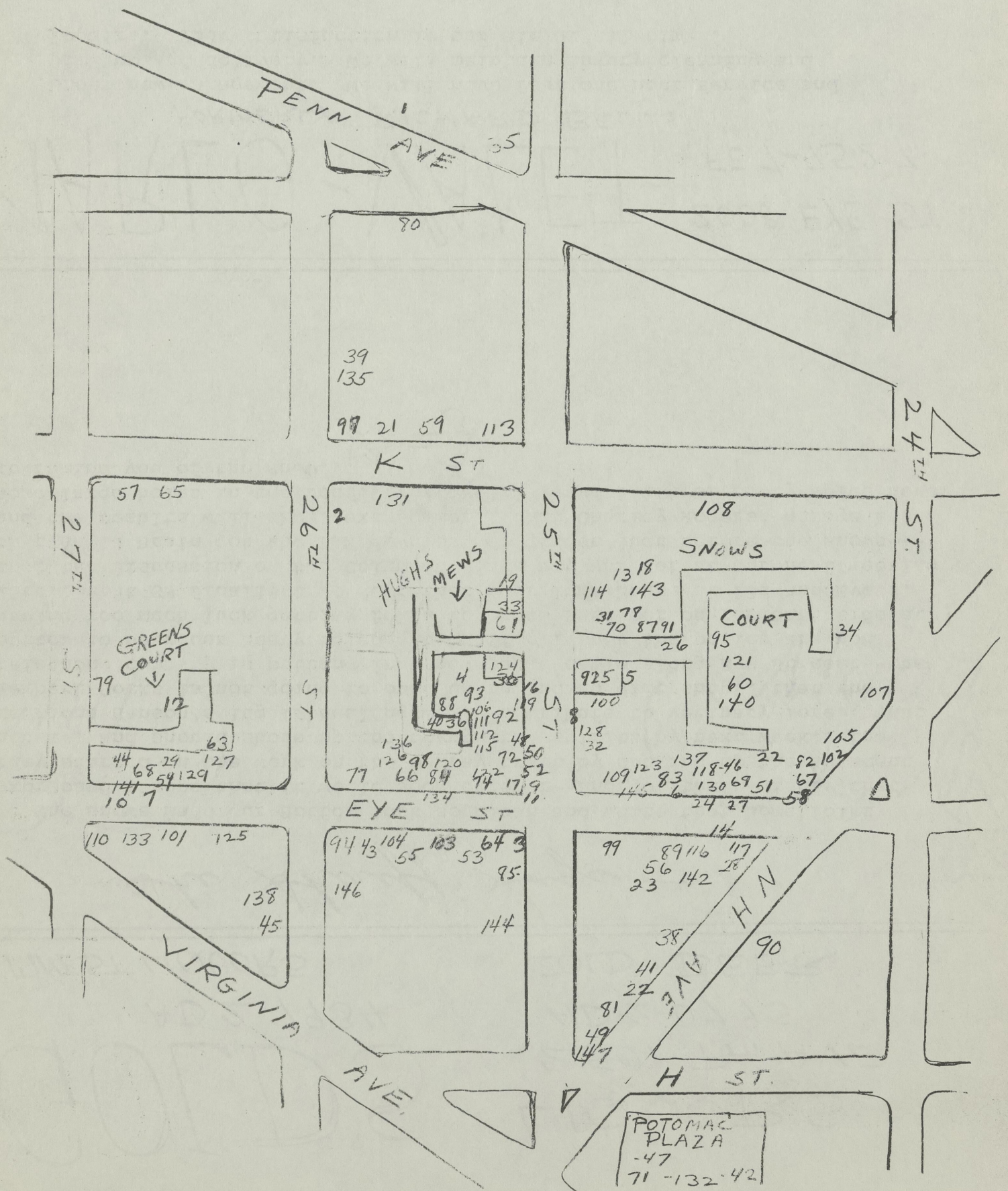
At the last meeting of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association, on February 15, A. L. Wheeler, Georgetown builder, presented plans for new town houses to be erected on the now vacant lots facing 26th Street, between I and K. He stated that his plan represents an investment of a million dollars, and is aimed at two-story living, each house to cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000. A motion to endorse the Columbia Plaza Development was tabled pending an invitation to the Kennards to present the plan to the Association at our March meeting.

At Arena Stage

Arena Stage will have another year after the current season in its Foggy Bottom location. This one-year reprieve will give Arena Stage time to perfect plans for its new building in Southwest Washington and to present another complete season of plays in the Foggy Bottom playhouse. Arena Stage is now rounding out its present highly successful season. Last week it closed a sell-out run of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," and this week it opened a 3-weeks' appearance of Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh." Rehearsals also began this week on "Ring Round the Moon," to open April 5 for a 4-week run. Christopher Fry adapted this light-hearted frolic from the French of Jean Anouilh. Marion Morris is in the cast--she arrived this week, and is the house guest of Morella Hansen, 2415 Eye.

This map is not intended to be worked as a cryptogram. The numbers correspond to those in parenthesis on the roster of our members. In most instances, because of lack of space, we could only indicate the general area of residence. Some early issue we hope to have a larger three part map with exact addresses and dwellings indicated clearly for all our readers.

Foggy Bottom



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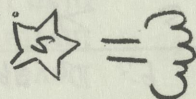
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COLD BEER

The Sheriff Says -

The snows made our Bottom look so clean and white that some folks expressed a hope that it would snow oftener--and got their wish...that they started on the work on the Murray tract by shoring up the adjacent houses, and should shore up the occupants' spirits by next week...that Hermione Hanson's leg is healing well--a tribute to veterinary lore...that Herbert Socks is not going to open up an Indian gift shop...that the telephone company is putting in a new large cable along Eye Street--the better to bear our heavy telephone traffic...that the police are not having too much luck getting folks to cross K Street on the east side at 25th...that GW finally tore down that poor lone house at 23d and Eye...that the discussion on the Columbia Plaza may wax hot at our next meeting...that Angie Brain got the PAX down on her garden just before the snows---and the results will show next summer...that Charley Rogers' garage has some large holes in the roof...that we'll leave a lot of empty space here to remind you of the snow...



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OUR NEXT MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 21 - 8¹⁵ PM

Pillsbury Hall - 2430 K St

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